

Amendments to the Claims/Listing of Claims

1-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A bed comprising:

a frame,

a deck supported by the frame,

a siderail coupled to one of the frame and the deck, the siderail including a side wall having a surface and a recess formed in the surface, and

a display screen, the display screen being coupled to the siderail and movable between a first position in which the display screen is positioned to lie in the recess and a second position in which at least a majority of the display screen is positioned to lie outside the recess, the display screen being pivotable about a pivot axis relative to the siderail as the display screen moves between the first and second positions.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The bed of claim ~~28~~ 27, wherein the pivot axis is horizontal.

30. (Currently Amended) The bed of claim ~~28~~ 27, wherein the pivot axis extends through the recess such that a portion of the siderail overhangs the pivot axis.

31. (Currently Amended) ~~The bed of claim 27,~~ A bed comprising:

a frame;

a deck supported by the frame;

a siderail coupled to one of the frame and the deck, the siderail including a side wall having a surface and a recess formed in the surface;

a display screen, the display screen being coupled to the siderail and movable between a first position in which the display screen is positioned to lie in the recess and a second position in which at least a majority of the display screen is positioned to lie outside

the recess, and wherein the display screen extends substantially vertically when in the first position and the display screen extends substantially horizontally when in the second position, the display screen facing upwardly when the display screen is in the second position.

32. (Currently Amended) ~~The bed of claim 27, wherein~~ A bed comprising:
a frame;

a deck supported by the frame;

a siderail coupled to one of the frame and the deck, the siderail including a
side wall having a surface and a recess formed in the surface; and

a display screen, the display screen being coupled to the siderail and movable
between a first position in which the display screen is positioned to lie in the recess and a
second position in which at least a majority of the display screen is positioned to lie outside
the recess, the display screen is being part of a pad that includes a first end and a second end,
and wherein a portion of the siderail overhangs the first end when the pad is in the first position and when the pad is in the second position

33. (Original) The bed of claim 27, wherein surface of the sidewall faces away from the deck.

34. (Original) The bed of claim 27, wherein the display screen comprises a liquid crystal display configured to display graphics.

35. (Original) The bed of claim 27, further comprising patient control buttons coupled to a bed side of the siderail, the patient control buttons configured for use by a person supported on the deck.

36. (Currently Amended) ~~The bed of claim 35, wherein~~ A bed comprising:
a frame;

a deck supported by the frame;

a siderail coupled to one of the frame and the deck, the siderail including a side wall having a surface and a recess formed in the surface;

a display screen, the display screen being coupled to the siderail and movable between a first position in which the display screen is positioned to lie in the recess and a second position in which at least a majority of the display screen is positioned to lie outside the recess; and

patient control buttons coupled to a bed side of the siderail, the patient control buttons configured for use by a person supported on the deck, the patient control buttons are being angled toward a head end of the deck.

37. (Currently Amended) ~~The bed of claim 27,~~ A bed comprising:

a frame;

a deck supported by the frame;

a siderail coupled to one of the frame and the deck, the siderail including a side wall having a surface and a recess formed in the surface;

a display screen, the display screen being coupled to the siderail and movable between a first position in which the display screen is positioned to lie in the recess and a second position in which at least a majority of the display screen is positioned to lie outside the recess; and

further comprising a switch panel coupled to the display panel screen and configured to receive input from a caregiver.

38. (Currently Amended) A bed comprising:

a frame;

a deck supported by the frame;

a patient support surface supported by the deck;

a siderail coupled to one of the frame and the deck, the siderail being configured to move between a raised position in which at least a portion of the siderail extends above the patient support surface and a lowered position in which the siderail is positioned below the patient support surface; ~~and~~

a display screen coupled to the siderail, and

a processor in communication with the display screen, the processor being configured to ~~convey~~ provide variable graphical information to the display screen.

39. (Currently Amended) ~~The bed of claim 38, wherein~~ A bed comprising:
a frame,

a deck supported by the frame,

a patient support surface supported by the deck,

a siderail coupled to one of the frame and the deck, the siderail being configured to move between a raised position in which at least a portion of the siderail extends above the patient support surface and a lowered position in which the siderail is positioned below the patient support surface, the siderail ~~includes~~ including a side wall having a surface and a recess formed in the surface, and

a display screen coupled to the siderail and configured to convey variable graphical information, the display screen ~~is~~ being movable between a first position in which the display screen is positioned to lie in the recess and a second position in which at least a majority of the display screen is positioned to lie outside the recess.

40. (Original) The bed of claim 38, wherein the display screen is part of a pad that includes a switch panel configured to receive input from a user.

41. (Original) The bed of claim 38, wherein the display screen comprises a liquid crystal display.

42. (Original) The bed of claim 38, wherein the display screen faces away from the deck.

43. (Original) The bed of claim 38, further comprising:
a user input;
a controller in electrical communication with the user input and the display screen; and
wherein the controller is configured to display the variable graphical information on the display screen.

44. (Original) The bed of claim 43, wherein the controller provides a menu driven list of selectable options on the display screen to permit selection of control options using the user input.

45. (Currently Amended) ~~The bed of claim 38, wherein the~~ A bed comprising:
a frame;
a deck supported by the frame;
a patient support surface supported by the deck;
a siderail coupled to one of the frame and the deck, the siderail being configured to move between a raised position in which at least a portion of the siderail extends above the patient support surface and a lowered position in which the siderail is positioned below the patient support surface;

a display screen is pivotably coupled to the siderail and configured to convey variable graphical information; and

46. (Original) The bed of claim 45, wherein the display screen is movable between a first substantially vertical position and a second substantially horizontal position.

47. (Original) The bed of claim 45, wherein the display screen is pivotably coupled to the siderail about a pivot axis adjacent to a top end of the display screen.

48-57. (Canceled)

58. (New) The bed of claim 27, further comprising a processor coupled to the display screen, the processor providing variable graphical information to the display screen including at least one of at least one of a bed status, a menu of selectable bed therapies, a description of a selected therapy, a menu of control options for the selected therapy, and a record of patient information.

59. (New) The bed of claim 31, wherein the display screen is configured to convey variable graphical information.

60. (New) The bed of claim 31, wherein the display screen is part of a pad that includes an input device configured to receive input from a user.

61. (New) The bed of claim 32, further comprising a processor coupled to the display screen, the processor providing variable graphical information to the display screen including at least one of at least one of a bed status, a menu of selectable bed therapies, a description of a selected therapy, a menu of control options for the selected therapy, and a record of patient information.

62. (New) The bed of claim 36, further comprising a processor coupled to the display screen, the processor providing variable graphical information to the display screen including at least one of at least one of a bed status, a menu of selectable bed therapies, a description of a selected therapy, a menu of control options for the selected therapy, and a record of patient information.

63. (New) The bed of claim 36, wherein the display screen faces away from the deck.

64. (New) The bed of claim 37, further comprising a processor coupled to the display screen, the processor providing variable graphical information to the display screen including at least one of at least one of a bed status, a menu of selectable bed therapies, a description of a selected therapy, a menu of control options for the selected therapy, and a record of patient information.

65. (New) The bed of claim 38, wherein the variable graphical information includes at least one of a bed status, a menu of selectable bed therapies, a description of a selected therapy, a menu of control options for the selected therapy, and a record of patient information.

66. (New) The bed of claim 38, further comprising:
a communication network having a plurality of module connection points;
a first module connection point of the network; and
a control circuit coupled to the network and to the controller, the control circuit including means for transmitting control signals over the network, a memory coupled to the control circuit for storing predetermined graphic format data for viewing on the display screen.

67. (New) The bed of claim 66, further comprising a control module coupled to a second module connection point of the communication network and configured to perform a dedicated function on the bed.

68. (New) The bed of claim 38, further comprising memory in communication with the processor, the memory being configured to store the variable graphical information.

69. (New) The bed of claim 38, wherein the variable graphical information includes at least one of a charting format, a bar graph, an X-Y graph, a pie chart, an icon, and a picture representing a user selectable function.

70. (New) The bed of claim 45, further comprising a processor coupled to the display screen, the processor providing variable graphical information to the display screen including at least one of at least one of a bed status, a menu of selectable bed therapies, a description of a selected therapy, a menu of control options for the selected therapy, and a record of patient information.
